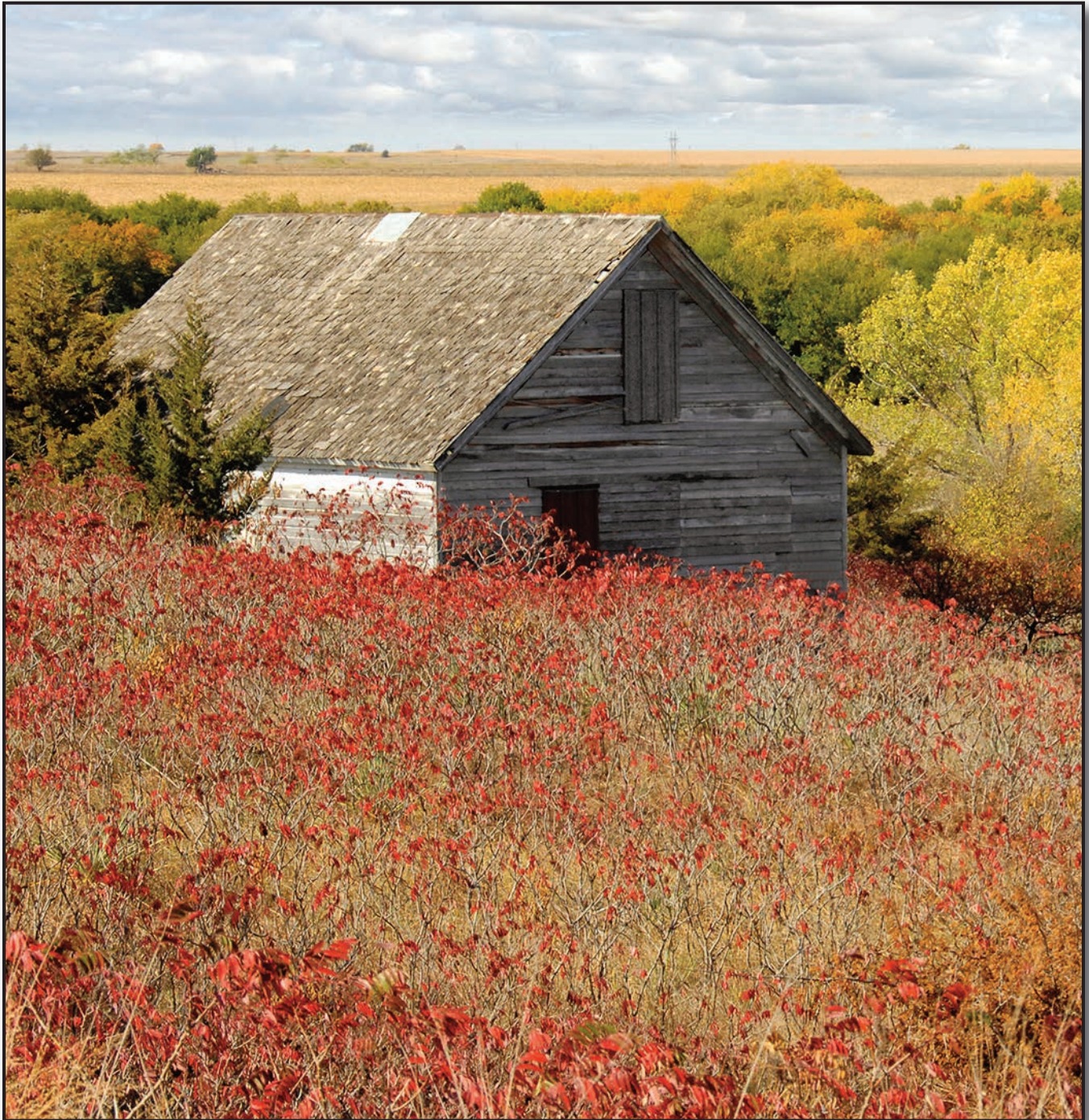


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Autumn's Rustic Beauty

A barn in southeastern Nebraska is surrounded by nature's brilliant colors.

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U.S. Transportation Secretary in Omaha to Award \$15M Tiger Grant

On September 15, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx was in Omaha to present a \$15 million federal grant to Nebraska for a new bus rapid transit line in central Omaha. The funding is part of \$600 million the Transportation Department plans to award across the country in the 2014 TIGER (Transportation Investment Generation Economic Recovery) grant program.

The grant would pay a little less than half of the \$31 million cost, with Omaha's Metro transit agency providing the additional funding. The line would take about three years to design and build, according to Metro Executive Director Curt Simon and Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert, who appeared with Foxx Monday, along with NDOR Director Randy Peters.

Eight specially designed buses would go from downtown Omaha to Westroads mall. Bus rapid transit is intended to make travel faster, more efficient and more attractive.

Omaha's would be the first in Nebraska, and it could spur other transit innovations in the state, Peters said. Stothert called the grant "a major steppingstone to a complete and modern transportation system in Omaha."

About 50 people were on hand for the announcement, including real estate developers and alternative transportation advocates. ♦



Pictured, l to r: Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, NDOR Director Randy Peters and Metro Executive Director Curt Simon.

US-75 Improvements from Union to Nebraska City Welcomed

U.S. Highway 75 from north of Nebraska City to Union in Otoe County was opened to traffic on September 12, according to NDOR District 1 Project Manager Ryan Hobelman. Work continues on grading, bridge sealing and permanent seeding, with completion anticipated later this fall.

Cedar Valley Paving of Waterloo, Iowa, performed the work for the \$11.1 million highway improvement project that began in March of this year. The project started 1,200 feet north of County Road F, north of Nebraska City, and ended 1,900 feet south of the US-34/US-75 junction at Union, a total distance of 6.2 miles.

Work included removing the old 24-foot composite roadway and 8-foot asphalt shoulders, doing minor grading to improve sight distance, and constructing a new 30-foot concrete roadway with 5-foot concrete shoulders. Four bridges were updated and an asphalt overlay was placed on them. New guardrail was installed at all bridge locations. All driveways and inter-sections were replaced with concrete pavement.

Well-Received

According to Hobelman, prior to the improvement the road was in bad shape after taking a beating due to detoured traffic in 2011, when the Missouri River flooded most of the I-29 corridor in Iowa. He noted that the completed project has been well-received by the traveling public and the communities of Union and Nebraska City.

"The roadway was required to open to two-way traffic prior to the AppleJack Festival in Nebraska City, September 19-21. The contract included an incentive/disincentive clause which provided for \$8,000 per day if the roadway was opened prior to September 13, 2014. The contractor was able to receive payments for having the roadway open two days prior to the deadline," Hobelman said.

Weekly progress meetings were held with the prime contractor and subcontractors to get updates and

schedules for upcoming work. Project progress and any access changes were provided to local residents, Nebraska City, Cass and Otoe county officials, as well as first responders, fire departments and EMT's.

Regarding traffic restrictions, Hobelman noted that local access was maintained for residents and businesses along the closed roadway throughout the major work on the project. Now that the road is open, the use of lane closures and pilot vehicles are being used to complete the remaining work.

Excellent Communication

Hobelman thought the communication between the prime contractor, subcontractors and NDOR was excellent, adding that "the prime contractors' project manager was very involved from start to finish, and communicated well with all parties involved about what work was expected. This hands-on approach made the work weeks flow much easier, as everyone knew what was needed and had time to prepare. Without that hands-on approach to the

project, I don't believe we would have been able to open the roadway prior to September 13th."

In addition to District 1 Project Manager, Ryan Hobelman, others involved with the project for NDOR included District 1 project inspectors Bill Swanson, Harvey Humphrey, William Cameron, and Dan Ore. Chris Lutz, NDOR Roadway Design Division, was the designer for this project. Others involved with the project included the Bridge Division, Materials & Research and also the Communication Division. Special thanks go to Robert Rice and the District 1 Maintenance Staff in Nebraska City for setting up and maintaining a 38-mile detour route during the project. Special thanks also to Craig Branch and the District 1 construction survey staff that provided the construction staking for the project. Subcontractors on the project include: Reilly's Construction Company, Wildcat Concrete Services, TAB Construction, Edwards Construction, Western Engineering, Beyer Mowing, DP Sawyer and Trafcon. ♦



Photo by Jay Bailey

Top - US-75, looking north, after completion of major construction work between Union and Nebraska City, including a new 30-foot concrete roadway with 5-foot concrete shoulders.

Right - US-75 looking north before construction work between Union and Nebraska City.

File Photo



NDOR's Donahoo Proud of 'American Outlaws' Nebraska Beginnings

Photo courtesy of the American Outlaws

"I believe that we will win!" That chant reverberated among thousands of soccer fans at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. The deafening roar was symbolic of the phenomenal growth of the American Outlaws, the U.S. Soccer supporter group that began in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The idea was conceived in 2006, when Korey Donahoo, an engineer in NDOR's Roadway Design Division, and two friends, Justin Brunken and Ben Cohoon, had the first of many discussions about the lack of activities for U.S. Soccer fans before games. Donahoo's father, Kevin, and Brunken's mother, Pat, also work at NDOR.

"We were huge soccer fans and would go to games all over the country. Since the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team doesn't have a home stadium, they play in a different city every game. We thought there should be a place to meet with other fans before games, and after we started having meetings to discuss our vision, a plan began to take shape," Donahoo noted.

In 2007, after filling a charter bus for Lincoln fans to go to the game in

Chicago against Brazil, they decided it would be a really good time to move forward with what they had been discussing. That was the beginning of American Outlaws (AO), whose name derived from "feeling like soccer fans were 'outlaws' of the sports world, supporting a sport that most people didn't know much about or cared little about," according to the group's website <http://www.theamericanoutlaws.com/>. Their mission is to "unite and strengthen" support for U.S. soccer.

This small group of Lincoln folks with a passion for soccer set out to better organize supporters at U.S. men's national soccer games, by making it possible for fans to get to games, and then give them a place to go and network with other fans. They made T-shirts, threw together a website, made business cards and flyers to make sure people knew who they were.

Local Chapters

The word got out quickly as fans from all over the country came together to tailgate and cheer on the U.S. Everyone wanted to be part of the excitement and energy generated at the events.

Local chapters of AO were established, with several requirements to be sanctioned: a minimum of 25 paid members; a base bar to host viewing parties; and holding a viewing party for each and every game. Also, each chapter selects their own board. Other than that, the unique characteristics of each location dictate how they operate. The membership fee is \$25, with \$5 going to the local chapter, plus each member receives a yearly T-shirt, and bandanna, as well as discounts with the Outlaws' partnership organizations, including United Airlines, Avis Car Rental, the Marriott and World Soccer Shop.

According to Donahoo, Lincoln was the first sanctioned chapter, followed by Kansas City. Others steadily joined, and by 2009, AO had 30 chapters and 6,000 members.

After they successfully filled a travel package to the 2010 World Cup in Johannesburg, South, Africa, and chapters doubled to 60, with 13,000 members, they started planning for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, even though it was still four years away.

"In 2012, we thought, what if we chartered a plane to Brazil? I bet we could fill it up in the next two years.

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Outlaws *(cont'd. from page 4)*

So, we made a down payment and the plane filled up in one day. We were just blown away. We decided we would add a second plane and it filled up in a few days. After the third plane filled up, we decided to upgrade from the three smaller planes to two 767's and we ended up with 540 people, with a waiting list of 2,000."

2014 World Cup

"We knew it was never going to be easy taking 540 people to Brazil for a World Cup, but we did the best we could and got everyone to every game. It was challenging, since we had 12 buses filled with people that went to all the games in Natal and Recife. Plus, we had to fly to the third location in Manaus, which is in the middle of the Amazon."

Overall, Donahoo was pleased with the outcome of the 2014 World Cup. The American Outlaws' membership skyrocketed, doubling from 16,000 to 33,000, and they recently celebrated their 150th chapter, located in London – their first international chapter. According to their website <http://www.theamericanoutlaws.com/>, there are only three states without a chapter, and many states have multiple chapters.

"I'm proud of how much we've grown and the recognition we've received before, during and after the World Cup. The ESPN commercial, taped in Columbus, Ohio, not long before the World Cup, did a great job of capturing what it's like at a before-game event, including the march into the stadium of more than 9,000 U.S. fans and the 'I Believe' chant."

Donahoo recounted a memorable day just before the World Cup, when he participated in three major back-to-back media events in New York City: a 5:00 a.m. taping on Good Morning America, where he was joined by fellow American Outlaws, wearing their trademark red, white and blue bandannas, scarves and jerseys; a press conference organized by U.S. Soccer in advance of the World Cup; and stepping onto a Broadway stage to receive an



American Outlaws Section in Kansas City.

Photo by Scott Drickey



American Outlaws Section in Columbus, Ohio in September 2013.

Photo by Pete Ramano

"honorary" bulletproof vest for him and his fellow AO members from the hosts of NBC's "Men In Blazers."

"That turned out to be one really crazy day in my life and great PR for the Outlaws. We were acknowledged as credible in the soccer world."

Stabilizing Force

As AO has grown exponentially every four years, more hours in the day are required to manage operations. Donahoo's employer, the Roads Department, has been supportive in his switch to part-time hours to allow him one weekday to dedicate to these responsibilities. While these growing

pains have been challenging, a stabilizing force has been the support of his family and friends who help run the organization. Donahoo manages ticketing and media, while Brunken manages marketing. Donahoo also oversees the shipping department, located in his basement, with his mother and sister handling the day-to-day operations. Brunken's wife, Megan, an attorney at the Nebraska Department of Revenue, helps with the legal aspects, including incorporating each non-profit chapter according to laws that vary from state to state.

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Outlaws (cont'd. from page 5)

"We've got a board of directors in place and we are forming stadium committees, who manage the sections of people in the stadium, which are designated for members who want to stand during the entire game and be more vocal. We also have dedicated people to take care of social media, answering emails and shipping. We have streamlined our operations to help manage a more sustained, seamless growth in the future."

Involvement with Charities

Donahoo is proud of AO's involvement with charities, including Operation Homefront (OH), which involves returning injured soldiers from the U.S. Armed Forces. All proceeds from the sale of a special OH scarf go to the charity, and \$7,500 was donated prior to this year's World Cup. The Outlaws have also worked for several years with Little Feet, donating soccer balls to youth clubs. Plans are in the works to launch a third charity which will involve revamping tennis courts into soccer fields around the country.

Throughout the past seven years of skyrocketing growth, one thing that has stayed constant is AO's Lincoln and Nebraska flair.

"We're really proud that this came out of Nebraska, which is not a hotbed for soccer by any means. Whenever it makes sense, we try to do our business locally. Screen Ink has printed all of our shirts since we started. I remember them telling us they'd never had an order of 1,000 shirts, and now we order 33,000 shirts every year from them. Uprise Design and Archrival, both here in Lincoln, design our shirts and other items. Captain Jack's has been our home bar since day one; we gather there to watch every game and other AO members from across the U.S. make pilgrimages to Lincoln."

An immediate challenge for Donahoo includes ticketing, as he is currently selling or distributing tickets for eight games, the most they have ever had at one time, due in part to adding women's soccer games to the mix; they are now qualifying for the World Cup.

Growth and Success

Donahoo largely attributes the growth and success of AO to three things: 1) passion; 2) consistency; and 3) a great team.

"Doing something that you love and are passionate about is number one. I wouldn't take all of my free time to do this, every single night and most of my vacation time for the past seven years, if I didn't have a great passion for what I do. Being consistent and sticking with it even when it's not fun is a must. And surrounding yourself with good people who share your passion can make a huge difference. I've been the beneficiary of a lot of good people."

As he looks forward to the next seven years and beyond, Donahoo says he is excited about the future of AO. "We're looking forward to continued growth, bringing U.S. fans together and creating an atmosphere that the players are proud of. We'll continue to travel the U.S. and the world in support of the team and will be ready for the 2018 World Cup in Russia and 2022 in Qatar." ♦

A Great Day to Celebrate...

On Thursday, September 25, NDOR central headquarters employees gathered in the "backyard" of the 1500 building in Lincoln for the 15th annual employee appreciation picnic. It was a picture-perfect fall day to enjoy the hamburgers, brats and other picnic fare served up by NDOR Director Randy Peters, deputies and division heads.

Back by popular demand, an employees' car/vehicle show was held, with 18 entries on display. A new judging/awards format was followed this year, including Director Randy Peters' Choice Award to Marvin Taylor, Bridge Division, with his 1979 Chevrolet El Camino; Deputy Moe Jamshidi's Choice Award to Toby Fierstein, Roadway Design Division, with his 1949 Ariel motorcycle; and Deputy Khalil Jaber's Choice Award to Kendall Tonjes, Program Management Division, with her 1948 Diamond T pickup. Maury and Bev Vonasek coordinated the activities.

In addition to the car show, Materials & Research showcased their new profilometer van for highway surface profiling, crack detection and measurement of faulting and rutting; and Communication Division's Arvid Olson displayed antique photography equipment and photographs.



Photo by Jay Bailey



NDOR Assists Others with Charitable Giving Campaign Pledges

NDOR employees had a great team effort again this year as they worked together for a “slam dunk” to impact the lives of family, friends, co-workers and neighbors in our community by pledging to the 2014 Charitable Giving Campaign. Contributions of \$74,168 were pledged by 598 employees to the over 400 organizations of choice, making an excellent effort at reaching this year’s monetary goal of \$80,000, according to NDOR Director Randy Peters, who chaired this year’s campaign for state employees.

The return of pledge cards by NDOR employees was 94.6 percent, and the number of districts/divisions that achieved a 100 percent rate of returned cards was excellent. More than 29 percent of employees made campaign contributions.

Eight out of 23 divisions/districts increased their giving in 2014. District 2 topped all districts for dollars pledged, with a total of \$7,571. Divisions were led by Roadway Design, with \$8,324 pledged.

Increased Giving

Again this year, Governor Heineman announced a “Challenge to Agency Directors,” with agencies divided into five teams. NDOR, Corrections and Health & Human Services each had their own teams, with all other agencies making up the remaining teams. Categories in the Governor’s Challenge included: Champion of Dollars (total dollars contributed/pledged), Champion of Participants (total number of employees contributing/pledging), Champion of New Participants (total number of new employees contributing/pledging), Champion of New Dollars and Champion of Creativity.

This year, NDOR received the Runner-Up award for Champion of Givers. All of the division/district coordinators were recognized as NDOR’s All Star Squad for playing a critical part in this year’s campaign success. Also, Jane Brubaker and Tara Grell were recognized as Most Valuable

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Photos by Jay Bailey

Top - Division Heads and District Engineers who accepted the Ice Bucket Challenge include, *seated l to r*: Bridge Engineer Mark Traynowicz, Program Management Engineer Amy Starr, Rail & Public Transportation Engineer Ryan Huff, District 4 Engineer Wes Wahlgren, Construction Engineer Claude Oie, and District 1 Engineer Tom Goodbarn.

Left - NDOR Director/Coach Randy Peters gave the pre-game pep talk to NDOR employees on August 5 during the 2014 Charitable Giving Campaign tip-off event held on the basketball court behind NDOR’s Central Complex. He introduced other team members, including, *l to r*: Ryan Huff, Tara Grell and Amy Starr.



Photo by Administrative Services State Personnel

NDOR Director Randy Peters and fellow members of Team 3 – the Department of Roads – accepted the Runner-Up award for Champion of Givers from Governor Dave Heineman, recognizing their efforts during the 2014 Charitable Giving Campaign.

Giving (cont'd. from page 7)

Players for the Department of Roads Team. Brubaker was recognized for her coordination of a lunch to raise extra money in the Materials & Research Division and Grell for her overall coordination of the entire campaign.

Director Peters added, "Regardless of which team is recognized, the most important recognition is that the 2014 campaign reached a record level of \$575,000. That is what the effort is all about."

Special Events

In keeping with this year's basketball campaign theme, Team NDOR was led by Director/Coach Peters and Assistant Coaches Amy Starr, Ryan Huff, Roger Kalkwarf and Noel Salac, with support from coordinators in all of the divisions and districts. A campaign "tip-off" event was held on the basketball court on the grounds of NDOR's Central Complex, with a pre-game pep talk, speakers from organizations and people whose lives are affected by the campaign, and other surprises.

A highlight of the campaign was the Ice Bucket Challenge. Director Peters was the first to accept the challenge, followed by Deputy Directors Moe Jamshidi and Khalil

Jaber. The final challenge involved Construction Engineer Claude Oie, Bridge Engineer Mark Traynowicz, Program Management Engineer Amy Starr, Rail & Public Transportation Engineer Ryan Huff, District 1 Engineer Tom Goodbarn and District 4 Engineer Wes Wahlgren, who gathered in the backyard of the Central Complex to participate in the Challenge. Six brave employees volunteered to douse their fearless leaders with buckets of water, and a video capturing all the chills and thrills was posted for viewing by NDOR employees. As an added incentive, an empty bucket was placed in front of the Ice Bucket Challenge participants for donations to the Charitable Giving Campaign.

Campaign leaders provided weekly email updates to NDOR employees, including a video link to the featured organization of the week. Employees were reminded: "Over 400 ways to change a life, find one that speaks to you!"

In summing up this year's Charitable Giving Campaign effort, NDOR Director Randy Peters stated, "Our campaign coordinators did an outstanding job and our employees stepped up in a big way yet again." ♦

2014 Charitable Giving Campaign Coordinators

Overall Coordinator: Tara Grell

Director's Office: Jill McAuliffe

Bridge: Janelle Carnahan

BTSD: Trish Sanchez

Communication: Anne White

Construction: Heather Silver & Jaime Kamarad

Controller: Linda Soulliere

Human Resources: Rachelle Van Cleave & Geri Waechter

M&R: Jane Brubaker

Operations: Denise Wallman

Plan. & Proj. Development:

Sandra Knippelmeyer

Program Mgmt.: Drew Parks

Rail & Public Trans.: Charles Bowlby

ROW: Jacki Schrotberger

Roadway Design: Carl Humphrey

Traffic: Bobbi Olson

District 1: Laura Pierce

District 2: Natalie Clark

District 3: Sheila Puls

District 4: Lauren Swiatoviak

District 5: Cindy Vergil

District 6: Karen Swedberg

District 7: Jan Collins

District 8: Erin Allen

Hershey School Safety Patrol Takes Field Trip to District 6 Shop

On September 18, Hershey elementary school principal Jason Callahan rewarded 39 fifth and sixth graders who volunteer to be street crossing guards with a field trip. They visited the NDOR District 6 Maintenance Shop and the Nebraska State Patrol in North Platte.

NDOR Staff Assistant Kent Priest conducted the tour, showing the students different road signs in use throughout the state and explaining how signs are used for directions, warnings and regulations. Priest took them on a yard tour and explained how traffic counters are used to determine what roads are most traveled and in the most demand of improvements.

The students received candy as they loaded onto the bus and Priest noted, "The kids had a good time and we enjoyed having them visit."

During their visit to the State Patrol headquarters, Trooper Ryan Hayes reminded students that passengers have a responsibility to not distract the driver. He also explained the importance of wearing seat belts and gave each student the opportunity to ride the "seat belt convincer" - a machine designed to simulate how seatbelts protect passengers in an impact collision. When they had completed their ride, Hayes let the students explore his patrol car and explained the equipment used on patrol.

Finally, Hayes reminded students to be alert when on crossing guard duty. "Watch out. Sometimes people don't pay attention."



Photo by Kent Priest, District 6



What's the BuZZ?

The Nebraska Department of Roads is working on a new project called "NDOR OnBase Implementation."

The goal of this project is to implement OnBase as our enterprise content management system (currently Falcon) and provide retention policies for all electronic records.

NDOR core team members involved in the project are Bill Baird, Mike Beattie, Shirley Danahy, Jennifer Huxoll, Ronda Lewis, Cody Lusero, Tom Renninger, Devin Townsend, Wesley Siebenneicher, Chad Heskett and Jon Starr. Along with key DataBank IMX staff are Casey Winkels, Aaron Fryzek, Ryan Michaud and Bret Scherzberg. To assist in making this project a success we also have the following Division/District team lead members Jeff Handeland, Sherry Bridges, Maurice Vonasek, Anne White, Derek Adkins, JeanE. Plihal, Erich Strack, Carrie Williams, Brad Reid, Gabe Robertson, Jim Hertzell, Jacki Schrotberger, Nathan Sorben, Clay Duncan, Bob Rankin, Dale Butler, Marty Weander, Scott Henery, Bill Mainquist, Lauren Swiatoviak, Scott Clinger, Jan Collins and Erin Allen.

Phase 1 of this project has consisted of a large amount of business analysis to gather information to design a system in OnBase to accommodate NDOR's records, securities, records management policies, and how Falcon's document, metadata and integrations can be migrated into OnBase. The goal of Phase 1 was completed at the end of September.

Stay tuned for additional updates.

(Submitted by Shirley Danahy, BTSD)



IMPROVEMENT

Coming Soon!

All in the Family

Information for "All in the Family" should be sent to the Communication Division. Appropriate information will be included in future Roadrunners.

Please note: Birth announcements will be published as long as written permission is received by the Communication Division. This is necessary, as NDOR is required to adhere to privacy laws under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Births

Congratulations to Gil and LuAnne Goldsmith on the birth of their second grandson, Brooks Anthony, born August 19. LuAnne is a Hwy. Cartographer Sr. in Materials & Research.

Congratulations to Brandon and Bradette Varilek on the birth of their third son, Wyatt Alexander, born September 30. Brandon is the Pavement Design Engineer in Materials & Research.

Congratulations to Brad and Gayleen Lovejoy on the birth of their first grandchild, Augustus James, born August 22. Brad is a Hwy. Maintenance Worker Sr. at District 3 in Bloomfield.

Congratulations to Alex and Kaitlyn Arthur on the birth of their son, Cale, born August 23. Alex is a Construction Tech III at District 6 in North Platte.

Condolences

Condolences to Rick Ernstmeier on the passing of his father. Rick is a Transportation Planner III in Planning & Project Development.

Condolences to Susan and J.D. Hoover on the loss of his mother. Susan is the Staff Assistant and J.D. is a Hwy. Maintenance Crew Chief at District 8 in Ainsworth.

Condolences to Brent Greever and Jennifer Drabant-Greever on the passing of his mother. Brent is a Hwy. Right-of-Way Project Manager and Jennifer is a Hwy. Design Tech Supervisor in Roadway Design.

Weddings

Alan and Mary Paine are happy to announce the wedding of their daughter, Jennie, to Ryan Petersen on October 3. Alan is a Highway Design Tech III in Roadway Design.

This 'n That

Congratulations to Dan Nichols on his retirement after 41 years of service. Dan was Roadway Asset Management Engineer in Materials & Research Division.

Congratulations to Rodney McNeel on his retirement after 42 years of service. Rodney was Highway Quality Assurance Manager at the North Platte Lab, under Materials & Research.

Congratulations and happy retirement to Chris Hasenauer, after 35 years of service. Chris was Construction Tech II at District 6 in North Platte.

Congratulations to Steve Swisher on his recent retirement from the Nebraska National Guard. After 40 years and 7 months, Steve said he is proud to have had the opportunity to serve his country. He is a Hwy. Construction Tech IV at District 7 in McCook.

Traffic Engineering – Accident Records welcomes their new employee, Allison Cole, Office Clerk II, who reports to Carole Gasper.

Private Alexis Dougherty was one of five to make the Dean's list and has recently graduated from the Dental Program at Fort Sam Houston. Alexis is the daughter of Cherie Dougherty, ROW Agent.

Nicolette "Nicki" Klein, Right-of-Way Associate II in the Highway Beautification Section was honored by Rotary International with The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. Rotary International President 2014-2015 Gary Huang from Taiwan presented the award to Nicki during his visit to Nebraska. The award recognizes members who have been actively involved in service activities related to The Rotary Foundation. Cited in the application was her service through humanitarian trips to India, Nicaragua, Zambia and The Republic of Georgia. A member of Lincoln South Rotary Club, Nicki has also actively promoted service to The Rotary Foundation as a speaker, seminar coordinator and district grants chair.

Congratulations to RoadToasters Toastmasters Club #1761 on achieving the Distinguished Club designation for the 2013-2014 Toastmasters year. RoadToasters is a communication and public speaking training club sponsored by NDOR and affiliated with Toastmasters International. Meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., in the Highway Commission Room at Central Headquarters. New members are welcome.

Governor's Wellness Champion Award to NDOR's Jacki Schrotberger

Governor Dave Heineman recognized NDOR's Jacqueline Schrotberger for wellness achievements and leadership during this year's Wellness Award Luncheon for state employees. She was one of three state employees to receive the Governor's Wellness Champion Award, presented to a wellness champion for outstanding leadership and continued commitment to communicate and build a culture of wellness in their state agency.

Jacki, together with her husband Francis, is also one of the past Wellness Wall of Fame testimonials. She is a role model for her fellow employees, regularly spreading wellness program information and tips to the 60 individuals in her work area, the Right-of-Way Division, through emails and a wellness bulletin board. Jacki has been a vital source of feedback during the past few months of change within the wellNEssoptions program.

Service Awards

Congratulations to these dedicated individuals for their work and continued service with the Department of Roads. They celebrate their service dates in *October and November 2014*.

50 Years

Robert Schmit, District 1

40 Years

Roy Plugge, District 8
Alvin Rahmig, District 5
Robert Simard, Traffic
Ricky Wienke, District 1

30 Years

John Byrnes, District 3
Brenda Graff, District 8
Mark Osborn, Materials & Research

20 Years

Randy Barnes, District 7
Mark Dietz, District 7
Thomas Foss, Roadway Design
Kitty Guthmiller, District 4
Scott Milliken, Bridge
Timothy Stevens, District 5
Matthew Walker, Roadway Design

10 Years

Connie Boster, Traffic
Paul Earnest, Bridge
Jamie Halagarda, District 2
Allen Hillgren, Materials & Research
Richard Lierman, District 1
Anthony Ringenberg, Project Develop.
Pamela Schumacher, District 7
Tim Slagle, District 3
Brian Smith, District 5
Terry Wilson, District 3



**Toward
Zero
Deaths**

NDOR Events Calendar

— October —

International Walk to School Month
www.iwalktoschool.org/

- 2 Blood Drive – Community Blood Bank**
NDOR Central Headquarters
Contact Diane Holthus @ 402-479-4580
- 3 Bd. Examiners for Co. Hwy. & City Street Supts.**
Meeting: 8:45 a.m., Rm. 110, 5001 S. 14th (the "Hill")
Exam: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Rm., 152, 5001 S. 14th
Contact LeMoyne Schulz @ 402-479-4436
- 7 -11 Drive Safely Work Week**
www.trafficsafety.org/drivesafelyworkweek/
- 8 RoadToasters**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Glenn Williams @ 402-479-3628
- 9 Letting**
1:30 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Kendall Stege @ 402-479-4528
- 10 Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day**
www.brakesonfatalities.org
- 13 State Holiday – Columbus Day**
- 17 Bd. Public Roads Class. & Stds.**
9:00 a.m., Rm. 152, 5001 S. 14th (the "Hill")
Contact LeMoyne Schulz @ 402-479-4436
- 19-25 National Teen Driver Safety Week**
www.teendriversource.org
- 20-24 National School Bus Safety Week**
- 22 RoadToasters**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Glenn Williams @ 402-479-3628
- 24 Hwy. Commission Mtg./Dist. 1 Program Hearing**
8:30 a.m., Frontier Harley-Davidson, the "Hog Pen" Room
205 NW 40th St., Lincoln, NE
Contact Sarah Kugler @ 402-479-4871
- 7 Bd. Examiners for Co. Hwy. & City Street Supts.**
10:00 a.m., NDOR Materials & Research Conference Rm. 129
Contact LeMoyne Schulz @ 402-479-4436
- 11 State Holiday – Veterans Day**
- 13 Letting**
1:30 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
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Contact Glenn Williams @ 402-479-3628
- 21 Bd. Public Roads Class & Stds.**
9:00 a.m., NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
Contact LeMoyne Schulz @ 402-479-4436
- 24-30 Click It or Ticket Mobilization**
- 27-28 State Holiday – Thanksgiving**

— December —

National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month

- 5 RoadToasters Holiday Meeting**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., NDOR Auditorium
Contact Glenn Williams @ 402-479-3628
- 12 Hwy. Commission Meeting**
8:30 a.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Sarah Kugler @ 402-479-4871
- 12/12 - 1/1 You Drink & Drive. You Lose. Crackdown**
- 17 RoadToasters**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Glenn Williams @ 402-479-3628
- 18 Letting**
1:30 p.m., NDOR Auditorium
Contact Kendall Stege @ 402-479-4528
- 22 Blood Drive – Community Blood Bank**
NDOR Central Headquarters
Contact Diane Holthus @ 402-479-4580
- 25 State Holiday – Christmas**

— November —

- 4 New Employee Orientation Program**
Rm. 152, 5001 S. 14th (the "Hill")
Contact Denise Sears @ 402-479-3656
- 5 RoadToasters**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Glenn Williams @ 402-479-3628

If you would like a key event included on upcoming calendars, call the Communication Office 479-4512 or e-mail linda.wilson@nebraska.gov. Information for the December/January Roadrunner should be received by November 26, 2014.

